

PARISH NEWS - June 14th, 2020

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Bienvenue! Вітаємо! Welcome to St. George's Church!

Our mission is to know, love and serve our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here at St. George's Church, the center of our life is the Sunday and daily Divine Liturgy.

It is here where we come to know Christ in each other, in the Sacred Scriptures and through participation in the Holy Sacraments.

A life of Christian Catholic stewardship includes a strong commitment toward the sacramental life through prayer, Liturgy and active ministry.

We are called to become the image and likeness of Christ God in all we say and do.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / ПРОСИМ О МОЛИТВУ ЗА ЗДОРОВ'Я

... all our parishioners who are in the hospitals, care homes, shut-ins and those who are not able to join us actively due to health reasons. Remember, if you would like a hospital or home visit, please call the parish office and let us know. Due to privacy laws, all requests must come from the individual or the immediate family.

Divine Liturgy:

Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English & Ukrainian)

Weekdays & Holy Days: Please see bulletin

~ Parish and Community Announcement ~

Please Remember to Support Your Parish.

In these unusual times, we are joining the world with debit or credit card usage.

If your preference is to use a card, please find the [DONATE Link](#) on our website main page.

Mailing traditional Sunday Offering Envelopes is still a good option.

THANK YOU: We heartily thank everyone who has been able to support our church during this difficult time for all of us by sending your weekly offerings by mail.

May Our Lord reward you a hundredfold for your generosity. Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

5 Envelopes - \$740.00



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who continue to support our parish in this difficult time by sending donations by mail or using our online donation.

Your generosity is very much appreciated, and your thoughtfulness is worthy of being acknowledged as testimony to the kindness of your hearts.

In a short time, we pray, we will be reunited in the worship of our God at St. George's Church.

May our Lord give a peace to your heart and protect you and your families from the sickness and all evil.

PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Latest News on Re-opening:

- 1) Since the pandemic Coronavirus' spread is somewhat decreasing the Ontario government decided that churches may slowly open at 30% capacity. Our Eparchy of Toronto along with all Ontario Catholic Dioceses and Eparchies have decided to open their churches next Sunday June 21 under extensive conditions. The faithful may come to church but are not obligated to do so. Those who have Coronavirus related symptoms: 1) a fever above 37.5 C, 2) breathing problems, 3) coughing and 4) those who have traveled outside the country in the last 14 days, 5) those who have had contact with a person with Coronavirus, 6) those who have had contact with a person who traveled internationally and has a breathing problem - all of the above should stay home.
- 2) Next Sunday we will have volunteers at the entrance of the church, who will be asking each newcomer about their health. Each one will have to sign a form that they are healthy.
- 3) Everyone will enter through the center doors and go out through the side doors.
- 4) You will have to sit where you are asked to sit. Church must be sanitized after every service.

- 5) There will be no prayer books in church so you must bring your own. If you do not have a prayer book the parish is willing to lend you one during the pandemic.
- 6) It is strongly recommended that all present in church wear masks for their protection and that of others.
- 7) People from the same household may sit together. People from different households must practice the 2-meter distancing.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Please know that we are committed to the safety of our parish community and a wider society. For this reason, I ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we transition through this time with the new protocols and limitations. The health and safety of everyone is at the heart of these directives. Let us all act responsibly and adhere to the guidelines provided by our Eparchy. If you have any questions please call Father Bohdan - 519-542-9903.

Pre-recorded Divine Liturgies on YouTube Channel

Saints George's will be posting a pre-recorded Liturgy for Sundays on Fr. Bohdan's YouTube channel. Each Divine Liturgy will be posted each Saturday evening.

[CLICK ON THIS LINK:](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoGSvtuIEjSAT7sWbjMIPvg/videos)

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Divine Liturgies this week:

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday, June 13 th	11:00 AM	+ Marta Choma Polack	Diane Zurkiwskyj
Sunday, June 14 th	10:00 AM	Special Intention	Kamil Kpuscinski

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 4:18-20 - As [Jesus] walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (RSV)

Some may wonder: Peter and Andrew scarcely had any possessions. Just how much did they leave behind when the Lord called them to follow him? On this point we should look at their actions rather than at the level of their wealth. A man who has little and gives up everything to follow the Lord leaves behind a lot. Peter and Andrew left behind a lot. Yes, they left behind their meager material possessions (and for them that was a lot). But they also left behind something more - the very desire to own (which can lead to extreme greed, which is called covetousness).

What will you leave behind to follow Christ? Are you attached to Christ or your stuff? Choose one.



Act of Spiritual Communion

Did you know? - that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshiping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Divine Liturgy. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

TO ALL THE HELPERS,



THANK YOU

[It's so important that we don't take coronavirus medical staff and essential workers for granted as they battle on the frontlines of the global pandemic.](#)

To all the essential workers risking their lives by going to work to make our lives better and allowing some of us to stay home, a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To the medical and health care workers navigating uncharted waters, who I am sure are overwhelmed as they put their health and lives at risk in order to make sure others are well cared for – thank you for your dedication, your utter selflessness and your skill.

To the grocery store employees stocking shelves, working the chaotic checkout lines and watching the hysteria in real time – thank you for your hard work, your calm demeanors, your smile as we pay for our things.

To the nursing home staff workers who are protecting some of the most important citizens of our country – thank you for caring for our parents, grandparents and our children's great grandparents. I can only imagine the anxiety some of these folks might be feeling. Thank you for being there for them, when we cannot be.

"To be saints is not a privilege for the few but a vocation for everyone."

~Pope Francis~



THE HOLY EUCHARIST...

“How did the underground Church [in Communist/totalitarian times] survive through the brutal conditions of persecution? Thanks to the Divine Liturgy (Mass), thanks to daily Holy Eucharist. This gave the Church the strength to survive the difficulties.” Priests in the underground took the risk every day of celebrating the Divine Liturgy. “The Divine Liturgy is unity with Christ. Priests were ready to be killed at any moment and wanted to do this united with God. That is why they offered the Divine Liturgy every day and received Holy Communion. They held their liturgies in different places. Often it was where they lived, in their apartments. They used whatever they had, as there were no vestments or beautiful chalices. He often only had an epitrahyl (stole) and, for a chalice, he used a glass or a metal cup if he had one. Proper communion bread, “prospophora”, was not easy to come by. If they could, they would bake a large loaf and cut it into small pieces and let it dry, that way it could keep for a month. The people would come daily asking the Priest for Holy Communion - even outside of the Divine Liturgy. Those who were unable to attend an actual Liturgy would listen to a broadcast of the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy from Vatican Radio that was able to pierce the Soviet radio waves. Metropolitan Lawrence and several clergies now serving in the Archeparchy of Winnipeg, were among the seminarians that sang those live broadcasts of the Divine Liturgy from Rome to Eastern Europe.

That was the case for priests *before* arrest. “Priests who were sent to prison also recall the Divine Liturgy in the concentration camps, where priests and monks were forbidden to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. But even in Siberia, they found a way. For example, offered the Divine Liturgy every day! He did not have a separate room or some corner in which he could hide... so in the middle of the vast prison barracks he would sit on his bunk, cover up a bit with a blanket and offer the Divine Liturgy. Bread could be found, but there was no wine, so when the priests could get some raisins, they would let them soak in water overnight and the next day they would use that liquid as wine to celebrate the Liturgy.”

“These experiences from the underground days or the similar experience now with “field Masses” in the war on Eastern Ukraine (going on right now) are experiences that we should look at as they provide invaluable lessons about understanding the awesome and essential nature of the Holy Eucharist and what those that understand it, even a little, are willing to do to receive our Lord in Holy Communion and to do everything they can so that others have the opportunity...” (*Material from a lecture by Fr. John Hovera, to seminarians 2016*)

YOUR REACTION MATTERS MORE THAN WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU

“Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn’t know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. ‘Daughter, what do you see?’

‘Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,’ she hastily replied.

‘Look closer,’ he said, ‘and touch the potatoes.’ She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

‘Father, what does this mean?’ she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity - the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

‘Which are you,’ he asked his daughter.

‘When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?’

Men Are Just Happier

This needs no explanation - and it's a fun read, no matter your gender...

Men are just happier people. What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never get pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth and you know how to change a tire. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress-\$5000. Tux rental-\$100. People don't stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are wrapped up in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one carry-on bag. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$9.99 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. And that's optional. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. **No wonder men are happier!**

Humour

After a husband and wife have a heated argument, the wife calls her mother. "He fought with me again! I'm coming over to live with you."

To which her mother replies, "No, no, darling. He must pay for his mistake. I'm coming to live with you."

St Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church - Brandon MB

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 1

The Holy Prophet Elisha (9th c. BC); Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847)

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 1: You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaim You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 1: When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his 'Rejoice!'* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokeimenon, Tone 1

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. (*Psalm 32:22,1*)

Epistle - Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, there will glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (*Psalms 17:48,51*)

Gospel - Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, Jesus, Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalms 148:1*)

"In an ever-changing world the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love"

~Mother Teresa~